handshake scheme for its employees to reduce the size of its bureaucracy ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken so far to prune the strength of officers and staff of the various Central Ministries and Departments ; and

(d) the anticipated cut in non-plan expenditure as a result of such pruning *1*

" THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No decision has been taken by the Government on the issue of 'golden handshake scheme' for its employees.

(c) and (d) In pursuance to the announcement made by the Prime Minister in the National Development Council to reduce the number of senior-level posts, the details in respect of posts at different levels existing in various Ministries/Departments of the Govt, of India have been called for in order to identify posts for abolition. No final decision has been taken so far. Thus, it is not possible to give approximate savings as a result of the review.

अमरीका की मोशन पिक्चर्स एक्सी-बिटर्स एसोसिएशन के साथ किया गया समझौता

*59. श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में अमरीका की मोशन पिक्चर्स एक्सीबिटर्स एसोसिएशन (एम. पी. ई. ए. ए.) के साथ कोई नया समझौता किया गया है;

(ख) क्या इस नए समझौते के अंतर्गत कोई रियायतें दी गई हैं और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इन रियायतों को दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता।

*60 [*Transferred to the 9th March, 1992]*

Deal to purchase the two Russian made reactors

395. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the move of Government to purchase two Russian made VVER type reactors of 1000 MW capacity each has become uncertain due to the political developments in that country ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Govvernment to clinch the deal as per the agreement signed in 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No firm communication regarding the project is available at present. This delay is obviously on account of political developments in the erstwhile USSR. The renewed responsibilities for supply of equipment, credit will have to be affirmed.

(b) In terms of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) signed in November 1988 Vetween USSR and